

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2014** (approved 4/23/14)

**ATTENDING:** Darren Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Michael Gerald, Don Field, Frank Musiek  
**STAFF:** Jay O'Keefe, Curt Vincente  
**GUESTS:** Todd Hodrinsky, Mansfield Little League

- A. Call to Order – S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes – D. Field moved and M. Gerald seconded that the minutes from the October 23, 2013 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Update – Todd Hodrinsky of the Mansfield Little League (MLL) presented MLL's application for co-sponsorship renewal. Following a brief presentation, questions and answers, M. Gerald moved and S. Dyer seconded that MLL's application be approved pending administrative review of all items submitted with the application. Staff will review the material and confirm compliance with the policy.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns. J. O'Keefe highlighted the recent Community Center Open House week. F. Musiek noted concerns about parking availability at times. C. Vincente responded that random monitoring and ticketing is happening, but both E.O. Smith and UConn students are illegally parking, which is causing occasional parking shortages.
- C. Vincente gave a brief update on Southeast Park, noting that the Mansfield Little League may have a sponsor for an additional scoreboard for field "B". Permanent sponsorship will require an update to the current park rules and regulations which currently only allow for seasonal sponsorship banners. D. Cook moved and M. Gerald seconded that RAC strongly support the approval of permanent sponsorship on the scoreboard so that the MLL can get a new scoreboard. The motion passed unanimously. C. Vincente discussed the status of the Fee Waiver Ordinance review by the Town Council's Ordinance Development and Review Sub-Committee (ODRS) on fee waivers. Minutes of their recent meeting was included in the packet for details. General discussion amongst RAC's members expressed concern about a household cap, but they understand the need to establish a fiscally responsible manner to approve fee waiver applications. D. Field favors the program with a cap, M. Gerald suggested pulling the before and after school program out and handling that separately. There was no committee consensus, however RAC members felt that ODRS was making the necessary changes. ODRS will make recommendations to the full Town Council for improvements to the Fee Waiver Ordinance in the near future and a public hearing will be necessary for any changes to the ordinance.
- E. Correspondence – None
- F. New Business – C. Vincente briefly reviewed the fall quarterly report. J. O'Keefe gave a brief update on fall programs and reviewed ongoing winter programs. J. O'Keefe also discussed the new format for the Fitness Flex membership options. J. O'Keefe mentioned the hiring of Jared Redmond to fill the Recreation coordinator position. C. Vincente discussed the Parks and Recreation Fund budget and the process for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.